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LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet comprising a substrate, and a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer laminated on said substrate, ~~the pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet characterized in that~~ wherein:

gas-passing channels that communicate to the outside of the pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet are formed only in at least the pressure-sensitive adhesive layer side of said substrate, and there are no gas-passing channels in the surface of said substrate;

said gas-passing channels are recesses that continue as far as side edges of said substrate;

a plurality of penetrating passages that penetrate or are capable of penetrating through said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer in a thickness direction are formed in said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer; and

said gas-passing channels in said substrate and said penetrating passages in said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer communicate with one another.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended) The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said penetrating passages in said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer are formed through gas passing through said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer.

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5. (Currently amended) The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said penetrating passages in said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer are formed by laser processing.

6. (Currently amended) The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said penetrating passages in said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer are formed by patterning when forming said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer.

7. (Currently amended) The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said penetrating passages in said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer are constituted from foam cells, which includes open cells.

8-27 (Canceled)

28. (New) The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet according to claim 1, wherein the width of said recesses is 1 to 1000 μm , the pitch of said recesses is 50 to 2000 μm , and the depth of said recesses is 1 to 300 μm .

29. (New) The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet according to claim 1, wherein the occupancy (area ratio) of said recesses out of the rear face of said substrate is 5 to 70%.

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30. (New) The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet according to claim 1, wherein said recesses form a square lattice in plan view.

31. (New) The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet according to claim 1, wherein the horizontal cross sectional shape of said penetrating passages is circular, and the diameter of said penetrating passages is 0.1 to 2000 μm .